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Yom HaShoah speakers urge Canadians to stand up to hate

Iranian president blasted
for threatening genocide against Israel

By Diane Koven

It rained, it poured and the cold winds blew. The weather was not enough to stop several hundred people from standing outside on Parliament Hill to pay tribute to Holocaust survivors and their families.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper urged Canadians, and the world, to learn from history. The Holocaust "stands alone in the annals of human evil," said Harper. "Millions, including six million Jewish men, women and children, were murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust."

Harper said it is not enough to remember the past. "They [politicians] must stand up to these who

advocate the destruction of Israel and its people today and they must be unequivocal in their condemnation of anti-Semitic despots, terrorists and fanatics."

Israeli Ambassador Alan Baker warned the horrors of the past cannot be allowed to recur.

"The thought that a person, a leader or government can decide to decimate an entire race or people, as was attempted by Hitler, cannot be suffered again anywhere, and any attempt to resurrect such designs — as we are currently witnessing emanating from the president of Iran and others — must be firmly dealt with by all responsible nations and peoples of

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper lays a wreath at the Centennial flame on Parliament Hill during the national commemoration of Yom HaShoah. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

Tookad a ray of light for men with prostate cancer

By Russell Consor

Dr. Mostafa Elhilali, a renowned Montreal urologist, is a man on a 40-year mission to combat prostate cancer. From his emigration from Egypt in 1965, to getting his PhD in prostate cancer research at McGill University, to his current posts as chief surgeon of McGill University Health Centre and Royal Victoria and Montreal General hospitals, Dr. Elhilali has worked tirelessly for the cause.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among Canadian men,

killing more than 4,000 each year. Most prostate cancer is currently treated by either surgery or radiation. Prostate surgery is highly invasive and can involve removing a walnut sized gland from deep within the pelvic region. Radiation can kill surrounding healthy cells and cause diarrhea and impotence.

Several years ago, Dr. Elhilali learned about a novel, non-invasive, experimental drug developed in Israel to treat prostate cancer. The drug is called "Tookad," a Hebrew word meaning "warmth of light."

"Around 2002 or 2003, the Weizmann Institute developed a new molecule, looked around at who was interested, and approached me and Dr. [John] Trachtenburg in Toronto," Dr. Elhilali says. "The first two clinical trials took place exclusively in Canada, one in Montreal and one in Toronto."

The Weizmann Institute, based in Rehovot, Israel, is an interdisciplinary research institution named after Chaim Weizmann. Aside from being Israel's first president, Weizmann was a staunch advocate of

scientific development.

Dr. Elhilali works closely with Avigdor Scherz and Yoram Salomon, scientists at the Weizmann Institute who headed the team that developed Tookad. Their efforts have been co-ordinated by Weizmann Canada, the Canadian arm of the Weizmann Institute.

"I didn't know them before they approached me about Tookad, but now we are very close. We meet every two or three months and collaborate on research at McGill," Dr. Elhilali says of his Israeli partners.

Tookad is a chlorophyll-based drug injected into patients and then activated by shining tiny lasers onto it. Tookad only remains in the system for a few hours and is harmless except when exposed to light. If that sounds complicated, Dr. Elhilali can explain it.

"It is molecular surgery. The molecule will select an area and destroy the limited area where light is introduced. It is targeted surgery. Unlike other surgeries, Tookad doesn't have any effects except

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Drug having success in clinical trials: 46 per cent effective

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where the light is. The light and the drug will cause eradication of the cancer."

In several stages of clinical trials at sites in Montreal, Toronto and London, Ontario, Tookad has been effective.

In 46 per cent of patients treated with it, no evidence of the cancer remained. While the Canadian clinical trials involve only patients who were previously treated by radiation and whose treatment failed, additional trials in the United States and United Kingdom will be on a different group of patients.

"The FDA recently approved Tookad for the purpose of investigation in the United States in prostate cancer patients who have not yet been treated. You have to have multi-national studies so there is widespread acceptance."

The side effects of Tookad are minimal. "This one is quite safe," Dr. Elhilali explains. "The side effects are that it can lower blood pressure, which we can treat, and can affect the liver in a temporary way. On occasion, the treatment can affect other organs, but this is rare."

Dr. Elhilali notes further clinical trials are needed before the drug can be approved for general use.

"In a couple of years, Tookad should be widely available. A company in France owns the rights. They are spending money to get it through clinical trials. That is the most expensive part, in the hundreds of millions."



Dr. Mostafa Elhilali

Still, compared to radiation and surgery, Tookad should be relatively cheap.

"They have to recover their costs, but it will be cheaper than the alternatives," Dr. Elhilali states.

If you would like to par-



Prof. Avigdor Scherz

ticipate in the clinical trials, contact Dr. Elhilali at the McGill University Health Centre in Montreal or Dr. Trachtenburg at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto. However, only patients who have previously been



Prof. Yoram Salomon

radiated for prostate cancer and are showing signs of failure are eligible.

Dr. Elhilali is cautiously optimistic about Tookad's viability. "If this drug pans out, if it is true, it is a breakthrough. Studies still have to

validate it in larger numbers. If they do, I will consider it a great achievement."

A gala tribute to Dr. Elhilali will be held on June 19 at the Windsor Ballroom in Montreal to benefit the Weizmann Institute and the Montreal General Hospital Foundation. The money raised will go towards additional research and collaboration between doctors and scientists from Canada and Israel. Sponsorship, table and ticket opportunities start at \$500 for an individual ticket and \$10,000 for a table.

To purchase tickets, contact Susan Stern at Weizmann Canada at 514-342-0777.

Politicians united in condemning hatred

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the world," he said.

The ceremony on Parliament Hill was attended by senators, members of parliament, ambassadors of several countries and Holocaust survivors. In addition to members of the local Jewish community, there were participants from Montreal and Toronto.

Wreaths were laid at the Centennial Flame in front of the Parliament Buildings by Prime Minister Harper and other dignitaries, accompanied by survivors.

From Parliament Hill, participants walked to the nearby Congress Centre for the continuation of the ceremony. Master of ceremonies was the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, former deputy prime minister of Canada.

Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien said, "As we reflect

on this dark chapter in the history of mankind, let us pray for those who are suffering around the world today."

Irwin Cotler, MP, told the survivors they are the true heroes of humanity; they not only survived but lived to build productive lives and have families to live on.

"There are things in Jewish history that are too terrible to be believed, but they are not too terrible to have happened," Cotler said.

"It is our responsibility, as citizens of the world, to give voice to the voiceless and to empower the powerless whoever or wherever they may be."

He warned of the threat of yet another genocide emanating from Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, "a genocide embedded in the most virulent anti-Semitism," and cautioned, "in times such as these, whoever remains indifferent indicts himself or herself."

A candle-lighting ceremony was held in memory of the victims of the Holocaust,

with candles being lit by survivors and representatives of various groups: the six million Jewish victims, 1.5 million murdered Jewish children, survivors, children of survivors, resistance fighters and partisans, and righteous gentiles.

Grade 6 teacher Patrick Mascoe from Charles H. Hulst Public School was awarded the Arie Van Mansum Memorial Award for Education.

Mascoe, who thanked David and Rose Sheintow and Rubin Friedman for their many visits to his school to speak to the students about the Holocaust, instituted a "friendship program" in his class of mostly Muslim students to provide them with an opportunity to meet and get to know Jewish students.

They began with an e-mail exchange with students from Hillel Academy and have since participated in several joint programs, including volunteer events in conjunction with the community Mitzvah Day.

The award was presented to Mascoe by Ryan Euverman, the grandson of Arie Van Mansum, a righteous gentile who risked his life to save Jews during the Second World War by hiding them with Christian families.

Rabbi Steven Garten read a selection from the Holocaust Scroll and several other local clergy participated by chanting prayers and blowing the shofar.

Since the federal government established Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom HaShoah, as a national day of commemoration in 2003, annual ceremonies have been held in the nation's capital. This year's event, held on

April 15, was co-ordinated locally by Brian Freund and Francine Greenspoon and by national co-ordinator Beverly Kunz.

The event, sponsored by the Parliament of Canada, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, was held with the support of B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Embassy of Israel, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, the Shoah (Holocaust) Committee of Ottawa and the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, as well as a number of individual sponsors.

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CMHC: MHI Ottawa a model to learn from

Special to the Bulletin

The Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) of Ottawa, of which the Jewish Federation of Ottawa is a member, was recently featured in a one day forum sponsored by the Regional Municipality of Peel, the City of Brampton, and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

In addition, one of the key partnership initiatives of MHI, Somerset Gardens at the corner of Somerset and Elgin streets, was featured as part of the presentation by Bill Teron, president of Teron International, which developed the former parking lot of Saint John's Anglican Church into an affordable condominium apartment building where MHI has purchased 10 units.

Close to 100 participants

heard how MHI has brought diverse faith groups together in Ottawa and worked with individual donors, all levels of government and Teron's development firm to create 15 affordable housing units.

Topics included structure and governance, fundraising, financial structure of the MHI fund and integrating faith principles into the operation of the organization.

Representatives from municipal and provincial governments, as well as faith-based and other non-profit groups learned about the MHI model in what was billed as a workshop on best practices to stimulate the development of more affordable housing.

Teron also gave a presentation on his vision of affordable housing and how he hoped to work with organizations like MHI in the future.

Teron was one of the moving forces behind the creation of MHI.

Gay Richardson, secretary of the MHI Board, praised Teron's vision.

"He inspired us," she said. "He has taken tremendous financial risks to bring his vision to successful fruition in Somerset Gardens."

Donna Mayer, manager of the Partnership Centre of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Toronto, noted, "We saw the MHI and Somerset Gardens projects as worthwhile partnership innovations from which others could learn. Feedback from the forum has been very positive. It has been very productive to feature them in our regional forum. We have been talking to a number of groups with concrete partnership projects in the works."



Bill Teron (centre), Teron International, Rubin Friedman and Gay Richardson of MHI stand in front of a photo of Somerset Gardens.

According to Rubin Friedman, a member of the MHI Board, "this is still just one step. We must keep working and raising funds to

go beyond our initial 15 affordable housing waiting list." For further information on MHI, contact Gay Richardson at 613-730-4404.



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Little miracles help needy in Ottawa

Jewish Family Services, in partnership with its very generous donors – B'nai Brith Parliament and Ottawa Lodges, the Malkhut Fund and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services – was able to distribute almost \$40,000 in financial relief to 430 people in our community over the recent holiday time. The Federation also helped by paying for the extra staff time needed to co-ordinate and administer the distribution of funds to the more than 200 families.

The reality of poverty is many people living below the poverty line struggle

with physical and mental health issues, making it difficult to bring themselves to self-sufficiency.

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From CBB's stage to the main stage: Waiser hits Broadway

By Alexander Baker

When Jennifer Waiser, a 28-year-old theatre performer from Ottawa, was featured in this newspaper two years ago, she said her dream was to work on Broadway. Earlier this month, that dream came true in spectacular fashion.

Waiser made her debut on theatre's biggest stage April 5, in the highly anticipated play *The Pirate Queen*. Written and composed by Alain Beubli and Claude-Michel Schönberg, respectively, who also created *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon*, the \$16-million play is the story of Irish pirate Grace O'Malley and her exploits in frustrating Queen Elizabeth I's navy.

"When I got the job a year and a half ago, it didn't hit me, but then one day I walked out the stage door and I realized I was in New York City," says Waiser, who is in the play's ensemble. "It's really been an exciting time for me."

Her road to Broadway was not straight, though. It began

in September 2005, when she was playing the lead role, Little Red Riding Hood, in the Stratford production of *Into the Woods*. During the intermission, Waiser phoned her mother, Joni, to tell her she got a callback audition in New York.

Taking her only day off to jet to New York for the try-out, Joni says her daughter "could easily have said it was too much and not pursued it."

After winning the part, Waiser moved to New York to start rehearsing. The only problem was, when she got to the theatre the first day and looked at the script, her part – the young Grace O'Malley – was missing.

"The stage manager said her part was cut and nobody told Jen or her agent," Joni says. "She was devastated, but decided not to let it get her down. It's part of life. If you don't go along with it, there's somebody else waiting in the wings."

Despite the setback, Waiser took the ensemble role and

says her experience has only whetted her appetite for the Gotham stage.

"New York is an amazing atmosphere for the arts," she says. "People are so supportive of the theatre, and we never know what type of audience we'll get – on any given night it could be a crowd of tourists or regular theatre-goers who have different expectations."

Despite the aura and mystique of Broadway, Waiser still compares the Canadian theatre scene favourably.

"The calibre of professionalism is the same as in Stratford or Toronto, but I would compare it more to Toronto," says Waiser, who finally got over her shyness and won a part in a Camp B'nai Brith play when she was 10.

Since then, she has been in *Chicago*, *Peter Pan*, *And the Winner Is...?*, *Jane Eyre*, *Hello Dolly* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, among others. She has also starred as Anne in the Toronto Bathurst Street Theatre pro-



Ottawan Jennifer Waiser performs on Broadway.

duction of the *Diary of Anne Frank*, Queen Victoria in the Cabaret Company's *The Boy Jones* and Little Sally in the CanStage production of the Broadway hit *Urinetown*.

"Comedy is a riot to do,

but drama is a different challenge," says Waiser. "A role like Anne Frank or Queen Victoria, playing real people who lived, there's a lot of pressure because the audience have their own opinions

about what the person was like and how they should be played. There's so much literature on them!"

After discovering her love of acting, Waiser honed her skills at Canterbury School of the Arts and then at Ryerson University. It was there she realized she could actually make a living from the theatre, and decided to pursue a career. However, Waiser was not always a natural performer.

"I was in acting class when I was eight," she recalls, "and when it was parents' night to come and see their kids perform, I just sat in the corner and didn't move the whole show."

Her mother also remembers that night, saying, "Jen loves to perform in front of big audiences, but not for her parents or just a few people. That whole night, she just sat there and was probably in pain."

"Then when we saw her as a teenager belting it out on stage, we were shocked. Now look where she is."



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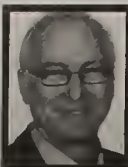
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Soloway JCC: a gateway into the Jewish community

Editor's note: JFO Chair Ron Prehogan has arranged to share his column, on occasion, with the chairs or presidents of the community's major beneficiary agencies or committees so they can provide some insight into their operations.

For those of you who think the Soloway Jewish Community Centre is primarily a health club, let me share my excitement about the rich array of programming offered. Thanks to solid leadership and a new direction, the SJCC has become a common meeting place for the full spectrum of the Jewish community. The centre offers an increasingly wide range of innovative social, cultural and educational programming for babies to bobbies.

It all starts with the Ganon Preschool for two- to four-year-olds, where the children are introduced to Jewish customs, a bit of Hebrew and a Jewish ethics curriculum based on Pirkei Avot – Ethics of the Fathers. This program has grown more than 20 per cent over the last year and is adding new classroom space. During the summer, we offer day camp and sports camp, which enables Jewish children in preschool and elementary school to spend their summers together building friendships and Jewish experiences. Enrolment increased last year



Federation Report

David Spring
Soloway JCC

and is expected to keep growing this season. For teenagers, we host the B'nai Brith Youth Organization, which provides Jewish continuity and leadership training.

Improvements in programming are bringing an increased number of Ottawans into the centre, which now averages 2,500 per week. The Greenberg Families Library provides a broad range of Jewish books, periodicals and DVDs as well as a Jewish Film Series and a Book Discussion Club. The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents lectures and concerts about Israel and the Middle East. The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School is a two-year pluralistic and text-based approach to Jewish literacy designed by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. There are courses offered in Modern Hebrew, Yiddish and lectures on Jewish history and music. In partnership with AJA 50+, we also provide a unique

day-long recreational program for isolated seniors called Creative Connections, which includes exercise, concerts, and lectures.

This is not enough. A large segment of our community remains unaffiliated and disconnected. As the February Symposium on "Building Ottawa's Jewish Future" so poignantly pointed out, we must act together now if we are going to reverse the trend.

SJCC is well placed to take up the challenge. Providing a welcoming environment and through the active relationships we have with other organizations, we act as the portal or gateway to the Jewish community for the unaffiliated. Through the Federation's Jewish Identity and Responsibilities Committee, the SJCC has recently received funding for two new outreach programs designed for very specific segments of our communities.

The Shalom Baby Program welcomes new parents to the community, introduces them to Jewish organizations, provides parent education programming and contact with other Jewish parents. We encourage these parents to enrol their children in the Ganon Preschool or the Early Beginnings Multicultural Child Development Daycare Centre.

To address the growing concern young adults can easily become disassociated from the Jewish community, we are launching

Geshercity, a web-based meeting place, community calendar and bulletin board to link young adults by interest and activity.

The SJCC Outreach Committee is developing new programs specifically designed for segments of the unaffiliated and intermarried community. Building on the experience of other JCCs in North America and the Jewish Outreach Institute, the committee is developing new programs with the input of members from these target communities. At the same time, staff and board members are re-examining existing programs in order to reinforce or add outreach components.

We would like to hear your ideas and suggestions on our new outreach journey. Please contact SJCC President/COO Anita Bloom at 613-798-9818, ext. 268.

Continued growth and expansion is only possible if financial stability, effective Board governance and staff team work are maintained. Due to strengthened programming and membership and fundraising activities, a balanced budget was achieved in 2006. I would like to thank our past chair Arnie Vered for the tremendous job he has done in moving the SJCC forward and creating a solid base to build upon. The Board and staff pledge to keep up the momentum.

Jewish knowledge will ensure future of community

An inspiring two-day Federation symposium dealing with the future of the Ottawa Jewish community bore great promise in terms of future planning to reach out to the unattached and uninterested members of the Jewish community. This symposium, by definition, reflects positively on the concerted efforts by many leaders to reach consensus on how to attract those who have not taken the step to affiliate.

However, one point remains in my mind as I pen this column regarding the recent symposium. Avraham Infeld, the former head of national Hillel, asked the audience at the symposium one question that has not been answered by those who participated.

"Do our leaders have more Jewish knowledge today than they did the day before?"

Infeld then clearly stated if our leadership had not increased its Jewish knowledge over the past 24-hour period, it had no business leading the community.

This strong statement by Infeld should reverberate in every office of Jewish communal leaders. It should shake the walls of every Jewish institution in this city and elsewhere. In other words, if our leadership is illiterate in the study of our Torah and our texts, then what kind of example are they setting for others contemplating future leadership roles?

I would venture to add the significance of Torah text fluency and knowledge supersedes any recommendations made by symposium participants that do not include increased Jewish educational initiatives. A



From the pulpit

Rabbi
Howard Finkelstein
Beth Shalom West

gym and a pool will not preserve Jewish continuity even in a Jewish community setting, but classes in a JCC will. A school for Jewish students will not ensure Jewish continuity if Jewish studies are optional, but a school that mandates all Jewish students take Jewish studies will. Jewish art and music may make somebody feel good about his/her community, but in no way will they successfully promote Jewish continuity to the next generation.

Jewish studies will. Specifically, the study of our Torah, Talmud and the values therein will ensure continuity. We cannot allow our schools to water down their Judaic programs in order to accommodate the whims and wishes of those who do not appreciate the intrinsic value of our heritage as given at Sinai.

When the Torah was given to our people who gathered around the mountain, it was not only given to a certain segment of our community. It was given to all Jews regardless of denominational definition, which in itself is arbitrary and artificial.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a vision of the knowledge of God filling the earth from one corner to the other. That knowledge can

only come about with the intensive study of Torah text, written and oral, as a campaign to be widespread.

We have many fine institutions of Jewish studies in our community for children and for adults. The JCC gives many fine classes sponsored by different groups, all with the intention of disseminating Torah knowledge. Our synagogues and their spiritual leaders must take the lead in promoting Torah study as a *sine qua non* of Jewish life.

Most poignantly, our community leadership must set the example for the rest of us in pursuing Torah study, in essence, fulfill-

ing Infeld's admonition of knowing more today than one knew yesterday.

If we take Infeld's words to heart, indeed the great promise of the recent symposium will bear fruit. If we are confident in who we are and we are knowledgeable in regard to the tenets of our faith, we will be successful in reaching out to those who have not yet become affiliated.

I congratulate the Federation leadership in conducting this symposium, and I look forward to the enactment of the myriad proposals put forth by many communal leaders, especially Avraham Infeld, to promote Jewish education for all.

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UN Watch defends Israel against biased UN

If the United Nations were a boxing match, Israel vs. the Arab bloc would be the title bout. While this fight would be (and is) extremely lopsided, the undercard is much more competitive: Hillel Neuer vs. the Human Rights Council.

Neuer, the feisty executive director of the non-governmental organization UN Watch, based in Geneva, has made it his mission to fight back and defend Israel against the barbs and condemnations passed in almost every session of the UN General Assembly or Human Rights Council (HRC).

In Ottawa for a speech at the annual CFHU Passover Lunch, Neuer said the HRC is "a global madrasa of international law ... spewing venom against Israel," and is a case of "the foxes guarding the chickens." He called the myriad resolutions passed against Israel a "pernicious canard" and claimed Israel has become "the Jew among nations."

In an address to the council less than two weeks earlier, Neuer made these accusations directly.

"The despots who run this council couldn't care less about Palestinians or about any human rights," he said. "They seek to demonize Israeli democracy, to delegitimize the Jewish state, to scapegoat the Jewish people. They also seek something else – to distort and pervert the very language and idea of human rights."



Alexander Baker

The four-minute speech, available on YouTube or the UN Watch website, was immediately condemned by the president of the council. He told Neuer, "For the first time in this session, I will not express thanks for that statement ... I will not tolerate any similar statements in the council. The way in which members of this council were referred to, and indeed the way in which the council itself was referred to, all of this is inadmissible."

While all this sounds somewhat melodramatic, Neuer actually has a pretty strong case. The HRC is composed of 47 countries, many of whom are among the worst human rights offenders in the world – China, Cuba, Jordan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Russia, for example. Before the HRC was formed in 2005, the old Commission on Human Rights counted such states as Sudan, Syria, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Zimbabwe, and Lebanon among its membership. This fact – the commission was a joke, run by the worst violators – was the impetus for its reform into the Human Rights Council.

Unfortunately, as Neuer's diatribe shows, not much has changed. The General Assembly passed 22 resolutions in its 2006-07 session, 19 condemning Israel. The new council has not been much better. Resolutions passed through each of its first four sessions continue to condemn "the illegality of the Israeli settlements," Israeli "breach of international law" with regards to the security barrier, Israel's "illegal occupation" of the Palestinian territories, and so on. Israel is repeatedly urged to submit to UN mandates and conventions, while very few, if any other nations are mentioned specifically.

Of course, Hamas, Hezbollah, Palestinian or Islamic terrorism, suicide bombings, kidnappings, and anti-Semitism are never mentioned. Quite the contrary. Neuer points out an earlier General Assembly resolution actually recognizes the "right to armed resistance" through "all available means." Is there any doubt as to whom the Arab voting bloc, with about of 56 nations – more than one quarter of the 192-nation UN – was referring to?

If these resolutions weren't enough, Neuer points out a systematic prejudice against Israel within the UN itself. One example is the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories. In other

words, there is a committee whose specific job it is to report back to the UN about Israeli violations of human rights. They simply don't mention the pesky suicide bombings or kidnappings that lead to Israel's actions.

But, as alluded to earlier, Neuer and UN Watch have tried to fight back. Their greatest success thus far is the near-total discrediting of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Jean Ziegler.

Ziegler is and has been one of the strongest denouncers of Israel at the UN and is friends with dictators like Fidel Castro and Moammar Khaddafi. Using old-fashioned investigative journalism, UN Watch proved Ziegler actually helped found the Moammar Khaddafi Prize for Human Rights – yes, it's a real prize – in 1989, then won the award in 2002. Ziegler himself denied having anything to do with the prize in a 2006 interview, though UN Watch also discovered he founded an NGO to raise money for it.

Neuer and UN Watch do not delude themselves. They are fighting an uphill battle against an established world order and a seemingly systematic entrenchment of anti-Semitism, if for no other reason than the sheer number of countries in the world who hate Israel. But by making small chinks in the armour, such as discrediting Jean Ziegler, Israel can get more of a fair shake.

Is there still a little room for faith in something shiny?

Moses, as you know, leads his people out of bondage in Egypt, across the parted Red Sea, through the desert wilderness, into battles with Amalekites, Canaanites and Midianites, and to the edge of the Promised Land.

Not too shabby for a 120-year-old guy. Oh ... and ... Dayenu.

Somewhere in there, he climbs up Mount Sinai to receive the tablets containing the Ten Commandments. That's where the plan hits a snag.

Maybe it's his age. Maybe there are too many commandments to get straight. Maybe it's because stone tablets are more cumbersome than, say, text messages. Maybe it's simply because Mount Sinai is so small hill.

Anyway, it takes Moses a while to get back down again to his people.

In fact, it takes 40 days.

A month and a bit.

Almost as long as the entire NHL playoff season.

Meanwhile, the people get a little restless. Hit the panic button. Figure he's not coming back.

Bunch of nervous nellys.

So ... you know the story ... the people approach Aaron, Moses's big brother.

Nice guy, that Aaron. Does a bang-up job with his priestly duties. But really, as far as leadership goes ... he's no Moses.



Alan Echenberg

So Aaron comes up with a plan.

Hindsight is 20/20, but really, you have to wonder where Aaron's head is at here.

He tells the people to bring him their gold earrings, which he melts down and builds into a golden calf.

As an engineering feat, it's not unimpressive, especially since Aaron's about a century old. Also, he's been wandering around the desert for months, he's got a limited window of opportunity to build the thing, and working conditions are less than optimal.

But as a plan to deal with Moses's absence ... well ... it leaves something to be desired.

Sure enough, when the people see the calf, here's what they say: "This is thy God, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

Provocative words indeed, given the context.

But Aaron doesn't see the danger signs.

Again, you have to wonder how well he thought this through. He builds the golden calf an altar, and tells the people to knock themselves out with burnt offerings and feasting and partying. And they do.

Did the people really think it would end there? That nobody with influence would cotton on to what they were doing? I mean, think about who you're dealing with here, people.

Sure enough, the Lord is displeased. And that's an understatement. Here's what he says to Moses up on the mountain: "... let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them ..."

That's more than a time-out in the corner.

Moses talks Him down a bit, but what follows isn't pretty. Lots of yelling. And tablet-smashing. And golden-calf-burning. And smiting of 3,000 idolaters. It gets a bit bloody.

But with the benefit of hindsight, you have to say ... ultimately ... it's a good day for monotheism. After all, it's still going strong a few thousand years after the golden calf debacle.

Unlike some of my fellow columnists in this publication, I'm no theologian. That being said, you have to think that longevity counts for something. That ... OK ... maybe all those years ago, something had to

be done about that calf or monotheism would have been dead in the water.

But now? How worried do we still have to be? Isn't there a little extra room for faith in something ... shiny?

I'm not talking about a large golden calf here. I'm talking about a large silver cup.

I write these words several hours after descending from the heights of the nose-bleed section of Scotiabank Place, from where I witnessed the Ottawa Senators deliver some Old Testament justice to the Pittsburgh Penguins and clinch a spot in the second round of the playoffs – three rounds from the Promised Land.

At the foot of the arena, the people were rejoicing, consuming golden beverages, and worshipping the graven images of Emery and Alfredson.

So here's the theological question: Anything wrong with that?

If the Sens can end years of wandering in the wilderness of playoff futility and win the Cup, it would only increase the faith of the people, no? There's nothing like answered prayers to bolster the case for divine intervention.

But if, once again, it's not the Senators' year ... well ... Dayenu is all we'll be able to say to keep our wrath from waxing hot.

Alan Echenberg is TVOntario's Parliamentary bureau chief.

Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Ottawa Post, is offering two \$1,000 AND one \$500 cash awards/scholarship to deserving students

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Looking at the Holocaust through family history: a German-Jewish encounter

On May 10 and 11, Saint-Paul University's Conflict Studies program will host a forum entitled *Looking at the Holocaust through Family History: A German-Jewish Encounter*.

Through dialogue and presentations, German and Jewish participants will explore the role of the Shoah in the lives of the second generations: those from their respective communities who, although born in the years after the Shoah, have been profoundly affected by it.

The program begins on May 10 with a lecture by Professor Katriana von Kellenbach, a German-born, American scholar of religion and the Holocaust who approaches the Shoah with a mixture of personal and scholarly insight.

In her young adulthood von Kellenbach learned of her uncle's direct involvement in the murder of more than 30,000 Jews as an SS area commissioner for the district of Pinsk in Byelorussia (modern-day Belarus). Her subsequent research into his appalling crimes and her family's persistent denial of his wrongdoing began a painful process of soul-searching, which eventually led her to devote herself to bearing witness to the Holocaust in her life and academic work.

Over the past two decades, von Kellenbach has worked to develop strong relationships with Jewish scholars and has served as co-chair of the religion, Holocaust and genocide working group of the American Academy of Religion.



Prof. Katriana von Kellenbach

In her public lecture on Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 pm, von Kellenbach will discuss her confrontation with her family's history, explore her research into postwar Germany's responses to the Holocaust and offer insights about the new dialogue between Germans and Jews with emphasis on its role in promoting genocide prevention.

Dr. Aiti Rodal, the daughter of a Holocaust survivor and a historian, will respond.

On Friday, May 11, participants will reconvene at 9:30 am for a panel discussion with contributions by Dr. Rodal, Professor von Kellenbach, Shoah survivor Vera Gara and Hans Zinn, a childhood member of the Hitler youth and a noted anti-racism activist.

Afterwards, small groups will be formed for structured dialogue. The forum will close with the participants sharing a kosher lunch and gathering for closing remarks by Agudath Israel Rabbi Emeritus Arnold Fine.

Looking at Holocaust Through Family History was developed by Professor Vera

Neufeld Redekop of the conflict studies program at Saint-Paul University, who has long been interested in the prevention of genocide, using the Shoah in particular as an example.

In organizing the program, his long-time friend Vera Gara has been a source of invaluable help. A child survivor and the former chair of the Ottawa Shoah Remembrance Committee, Gara has lectured countless school audiences about her experience as a child in wartime Hungary and the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Deeply moved by von Kellenbach's quest to confront her uncle's crimes, Gara was enthusiastic to get involved.

"Survivors had no choice but to recall what they had suffered [during the war]," she notes. "This young German woman could have avoided confronting her family's past, but chose not to. I am looking forward to learning from her about how Jews and non-Jews can work to preserve the memory of the Shoah for the next generation."

Looking at the Holocaust through Family History is open to all members of the Jewish community, including those whose families were not directly affected by the tragedy of the Shoah.

A general invitation has also been made to Ottawa's German community.

Each event is free and may be attended separately; however, there may be a small cost for the kosher lunch on Friday. Those planning to attend the luncheon should RSVP by leaving a message at 613-236-1393, ext. 2516.

Saint-Paul University is located at 223 Main Street.

Those participants for the May 11 event who have photographs of family members who perished in the Shoah are encouraged to bring them and to share them in their dialogue groups as a means of personally bearing witness.

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Its location at the entrance to the Ayzon Valley on the road to Jerusalem made Hammat very strategic. Its Jewish inhabitants were expelled by the Romans, who were later defeated by the Muslims, who themselves were expelled by the Crusaders. Until 1967, the Arabs endangered the old Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway by using the hills' commanding view of the valley. The IDF captured the region on day two of the Six Day War and with generous support from Canadian Friends of KKL-JNF, the 7,000 dunam Canada Park was established at the site.

On one hill lie the remains of a Roman bathhouse unearthed by archaeologists. In it are tiled entrance rooms, a sauna, the baths, even a toilet from 1,800 years ago. Legend has it that Caesar visited this bath house. At the time, rich people had servants whose job it was to soap their backs for them. When the Emperor saw a poor person rubbing his back against the wall, he asked, "What are you doing?" The man replied, "I don't have the money for a servant, so this is the way I can clear my back." The Emperor immediately pulled out his purse and gave the man money to pay for a servant. Several days later, he returned to find everyone rubbing their backs on the wall. Enquiring why, he was told they had no servants to wash their backs for them. "What do you need servants for?" the Emperor retorted, "You can all wash each other's backs!"

On another hilltop is the remains of a grave purported to be that of Sheikh Ibn Jibal. Arab legend has it that if a woman makes an oath at this spot, her husband is obligated to fulfil it. Atop yet another hill is the hidden entrance to a Crusader castle. Inside is a dark arched room with steps leading to some mysterious chamber.

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Polatsek turns fruit and vegetables into works of sculpted art

By Cynthia
Nyman Engel

She planned a wedding for 1,000 guests that, literally, brought Wall Street traffic to a standstill, co-ordinated a Bar Mitzvah in Trump Towers' Japanese gardens, where guests filled their plates from a buffet set into water surrounding a fountain; arranged to have myriad four-foot blocks of ice sculpted into individual chess pieces for a chess aficionado's Bar Mitzvah; and recently was invited by FOX TV to do the channel's bridal display for its wedding show.

That's an impressive list of accomplishments, and they're just the tip of the iceberg, for Israeli native Tammy Polatsek, who came to Brooklyn as a bride 15 years ago speaking no English. Today, sounding like a bona fide 'Brooklynite,' with a great sense of humour to boot, the 33-year-old mother of five children ("I've really been 23 for 10 years," she jokes), is also a successful businesswoman.

Building on her ability to carve fruits and vegetables

into edible objects of beauty, she has carved a significant niche for herself in New York's competitive events-planning market.

Polatsek will give a hands-on demonstration of fruit and veggie sculpting at *Fashionable Fruit, an Evening of Decorative and Delicacious Decorations*, on Tuesday, May 8, at the Soloway JCC, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

The evening begins at 6:30 pm with a dessert reception and silent auction. Polatsek's demonstration follows at 8:00 pm.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Sponsor tickets are also available for \$180 and include a private dinner and demonstration with Tammy Polatsek at 5:30 pm, an autographed copy of her book, and a tax receipt for an allowable amount.

"It's going to be a super evening," promises Sarah Silverstein, who is co-chairing the event with Lori Kay.

"Tammy is spectacular and our silent auction items are spectacular. We're putting together a fabulous Toronto package, which



Tammy Polatsek

includes two round-trip VIA Rail tickets, a night at the Sheraton Hotel, a voucher for kosher dinners at Maron's Bistro, kosher lunches at the Chicken Nest, and two passes to the Art Gallery of Ontario."

Among the many other enticing items up for silent auction are two VIP passes to the Rainbow Theatre, valued at \$1,000 and valid for a full year; and a birthday party package for up to 15 children with L'il John of A Clown Around.

Polatsek laughs remembering how she got started in the business.

"I am an artist, I always

liked to draw," she says. "One day my husband and I saw a woman who was carving pumpkins into dragons and my husband said to me, 'You can't do that.' So I did it."

She started carving watermelons and soon added other fruits and vegetables to her inventory. The caterers heard and came knocking.

"Then I began to do my own parties, flowers and all," she says. "I never had a lesson in any of this. I just learned it from common sense."

"In fact, when it comes to doing flowers I take all the rules that everyone teaches and break them," she laughs.

"And, when I realized there really wasn't a comprehensive book written on fruit carving, I wrote *Aristocratic Fruits*, which definitely is thorough and very comprehensive."

The fundraising event is sponsored by the Jewish Preschool of the Arts and the Jewish Youth Library (www.jylofottawa.org).

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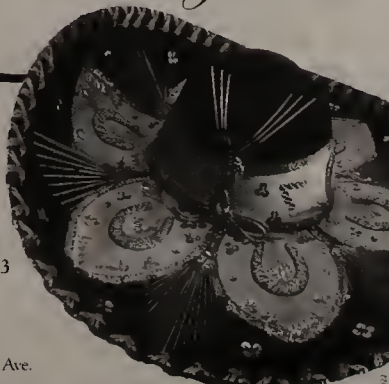
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(Top, left to right): Yossi Milo,
Cantor Boaz Davidoff,
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(left) Cantor Lipa Glantz and
Shoshana Telner will perform
at Beth Shalom's gala
concert on May 27.

Concert kicks off 50th year celebrations

By Alyce Baker

For a synagogue to commemorate 50 years in existence is more than a milestone. It is a tremendous achievement - one to be applauded and celebrated. And Congregation Beth Shalom will do just that - celebrate, in style.

Back in 1956, when community members came together to found Beth Shalom, little were they thinking 50 years later a vibrant house of worship and active membership would flourish at Rideau and Chapel streets. The amalgamation of Adath Jeshurun at 475 King Edward and Agudath Achim at 417 Rideau began the process of the new Beth Shalom.

Through the years, there have been many joyous occasions in the life of the shul. Countless families have celebrated Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, Brit Milahs and baby namings. The walls have resonated with the melodious sounds of many memorable concerts.

The Beth Shalom family wishes this 50th anniversary to be meaningful, *freilich* and welcoming to the community.

The congregation has planned a series of varied events spread over the next six months to honour this special year.

On Sunday, May 27, a gala concert will take place, featuring several renowned artists. Yossi Milo is a world famous conductor, originally from Israel, now residing in Montreal. He will appear with a five-piece band and will accompany Montreal cantors Boaz Davidoff from Congregation Shaare Zion and Lipa Glantz from Congregation Beth Zion, and our very own Cantor Daniel Benlolo.

The Neshama Choir is an amalgamation of several individuals representing many choirs in Ottawa. They recently played to a standing ovation at a choral festival in Montreal and will be on stage at Beth Shalom May 27.

Concert pianist Shoshana Telner will present an encore performance. Those present last June 6 will attest to a magical evening, due in large part to Shoshana's masterful playing.

The repertoire for the evening, recently performed at Place des Arts in Montreal, will include eclectic pieces from the beginning of the State of Israel to today, all presented in medley form.

A dessert reception will follow the performance. Tickets are \$18.00 each and are available by calling 613-789-3501, ext. 223.

Emanah Women of Ottawa to celebrate 60th anniversary

By Lynne Cohen

Emanah Women of Ottawa is putting on a Family-in-Israel event not to be missed.

In conjunction with Congregation Beth Shalom West and on Yom Yerushalayim 5767, the Rachel Kizell Chapter is celebrating a double anniversary: the 60th anniversary of the founding of Emanah Women and the 40th anniversary of the reunification of Yerushalayim.

To help celebrate, former minister of justice Irwin Cotler will give a speech and share his wisdom on one of his many areas of interest.

First elected to Parliament in a 1999 by-election in the Montreal riding of Mount Royal, Cotler has many claims to fame. Besides holding the justice post and that of Attorney General of Canada for about three years until the Liberal government's defeat in 2006, he is currently a law professor at McGill University, an international human

rights lawyer and an MP. He is the official opposition critic for human rights, as well as a member of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Human Rights and a member of the House of Commons Committee on Public Safety and National Security.

The Family-in-Israel event, to be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00 pm, will begin with Mincha service and Tefillah Hagbit, with Rabbi Howard Finkelstein at Beth Shalom West, 15 Chartwell, in Nepean.

A parve Israeli buffet will be served. To add to the festive atmosphere, there will be live music and Yitzhak Rabin High School will present "A Jerusalem Retrospective."

The cost for members is \$20, non-members \$23. Emanah extends a special invitation to young adults (20- to 30-year-olds). For these special invitees, the cost is only \$18.

To RSVP, call Rivka at 613-241-5613.

Awe-inspiring music from the synagogue

Mezzo-soprano Eleanor Glantz, director/pianist Peter Pundy and the Temple Israel 2006 Liturgical Choir will perform a concert filled with works representing the finest of Reform Judaism's classic and contemporary liturgical music traditions.

Canadian Eleanor Glantz is a regular participant in the Ottawa music community. While known for her contributions to area vocal ensembles and her powerful interpretation of classical solo repertoire, it is in Jewish liturgy and music where her artistry truly shines. With her warm and luxurious voice, Glantz brings an authentic and potent presence, which resonates to the core of one's being and produces an experience both inspirational and spiritual-y profound.

Ottawan Peter Pundy is also a regular contributor to the city's musical scene as a vocal-



Eleanor Glantz

ist, pianist, arranger, music coach and choir director. Whatever the role, he demonstrates an unmistakable passion and sensitivity for music, inspiring performers and audiences alike.

In this concert, Glantz, Pundy and members of the Temple Israel 2006 Liturgical Choir will present both solo and choral selections of extraordinary Jewish liturgical music, including works by Debbie Friedman, Herbert Fromm, Michael Isaacson, Max Janowski, Ben Steinberg and more.

The concert will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 6 at St. Matthias Anglican Church, 555 Parkdale Avenue. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society.

For information and tickets visit <http://eleanorglantz.com> or call 613-722-6016.

University of Ottawa Yiddish expert to lecture on 'Women's Torah'

By Ariel Goldberg

The Ottawa College of Jewish Studies will continue its popular Great Torah Commentators and Teachers series on May 9 with a lecture by one of Ottawa's newest Jewish educators – Dr. Rebecca Margolis, assistant professor in the University of Ottawa's Vered Jewish Canadian Studies program. Her topic is *Ze'enuh U-Re'enuh*: the Women's Torah.

An expert on Yiddish language and literature, Margolis will provide a modern perspective on this classic Torah commentary, beloved by Eastern European women throughout several generations.

"The Ashkenazi tradition of Hebrew-language Torah study and commentary has been paralleled by a series of Yiddish renditions of Biblical texts serving the Jewish masses that lacked facility in the Holy Tongue, notably women," says Margolis.

"The most popular of these works is the *Ze'enuh U-Re'enuh* (*Tsenerene* in Yiddish; "Go forth and see/gaze"), a 17th century Yiddish Bible authored by Rabbi Jacob ben Isaac



Dr. Rebecca Margolis

Ashkenazi of Yanov (1550-1628).

"The *Tsenerene* is Yiddish rendition of the weekly Bible portions that weaves together diverse sources – rabbinic interpretation, *midrash*, Talmudic sources, Kabbalah, moral lessons to form a widely accessible narrative," she says.

"It is arguably the most popular work in the history of Yiddish literature, and has been republished over 200 times in various editions."

During the Middle Ages and through the early modern period, a range of Yiddish literature was produced to both entertain and educate women. The *Tsenerene* became known as a Women's Torah.

"It served as primary reading material for Ashkenazi women, and played a key role in creating a popular Yiddish readership," says Margolis.

"The pious woman studying her *Tsenerene* is a common motif in depictions of the devotional lives of Ashkenazi women. Moreover, the text offers insight into numerous Jewish legends and folk customs," she says.

Margolis will discuss the development of the *Tsenerene* and highlight the ways in which the text shaped Jewish – in particular women's – spirituality. She will present excerpts from the *Tsenerene's* rendition of the Book of Genesis for group study and discussion. No knowledge of Yiddish is required.

The lecture takes place Wednesday, May 9 at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, social hall A at 7:30 pm. The cost is \$7 for members of the SJCC or the College of Jewish Studies, \$9 for non-members and \$5 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the door only.

For further information, call 613-261-2498.



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Na'amat Ottawa's Mother's Day Tea supports Tel Aviv women's shelter

By Sharon Reichstein
 On May 13, 2007, Na'amat Ottawa will hold its third annual Mother's Day Tea.

This year, the proceeds from the tribute cards and the event will go towards Na'amat Canada's newest capital campaign by supporting the renovations at the world renowned Glickman Center in Tel Aviv.

Na'amat Canada is committed to raising \$175,000 to send to Israel by July 2008 and Ottawa is proud to be contributing to this cause.

The Na'amat Canada Glickman Center for Family Violence Prevention opened its doors in 1996. At the time, Na'amat Israel's counselling facilities were fielding more than 5,000 enquiries from abused women with 2,000 coming from the Tel Aviv region alone.

Until the Glickman Center was constructed, there was no formal shelter in Israel's largest city.

The centre in Tel Aviv combines two buildings on one site. The buildings are autonomous, but work in co-operation with one another. The first is a high security shelter for women and their children, the second is a domestic violence counselling and treatment centre.

The Glickman Center Bedroom Campaign came about because of new laws and regulations put in place in Israel.

The Glickman Center shelter can accommodate 14 women and 16 children at

any given time. Currently, the women and children housed within the shelter share living quarters; that is, there are two families to each bedroom. These are very difficult conditions and often cause tension due to a lack of privacy. The women who live at the shelter may have emotional issues, as may their children, and need their own space.

In accordance with new regulations from the Israeli Ministry of Welfare, each

sheltered family must have its own room and bathroom. As a result, Na'amat Canada has taken on the task of building four new rooms and ensembles, and of converting eight shared bedrooms into 12 private rooms.

If you are looking for the perfect way to honour those special women in your life for Mother's Day, why not let Na'amat take care of it for you and contribute to this wonderful cause? Send a

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The Jewish Federation of Ottawa will hold its 73rd Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. The entire Jewish community of Ottawa is invited to attend.

Section 17.1B of the by-laws that "At least thirty (30) days before the annual general meeting, the board of directors shall send the Nominating Committee report to each Full Member and invite each Full Member to provide the President and Chief Executive Officer, at least fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting, the name of any additional candidate which he/she wishes to nominate, together with a letter of support from five (5) other Full Members of the Corporation and a statement by the candidate of interest and qualifications."

The Board of Directors proposes the following individuals be elected to serve a term of two (2) years as members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa:

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Sephardic music comes to the National Arts Centre 4th Stage

Romance, passion, jealousy, new love, and even questionable love, all played out against history and memory - these themes animate Sephardic folk music, creating songs at times poignant and heartbreakingly beautiful, and at other times wildly exuberant.

At the National Arts Centre 4th Stage on May 10, Ottawa audiences will have a rare opportunity to hear an evening of unusual Sephardic folk songs. Los Badasikas, a group of five accomplished Ottawa-based musicians, will present *A Night in Sfarad: Interpretations of Sephardic Folk Music*.

The group brings together five musical friends with very different backgrounds. Several are classically

trained, the bassist is a well-known Ottawa jazz musician, the guitarist studied in Montreal and Uruguay before busking across South America and the drummer hails from the world of rock-and-roll.

They all find themselves drawn to the unique world of Sephardic music.

The music reflects the history of Sephardi Jews, from their roots in Andalusia in southern Spain ("Sephard" in Hebrew), to the diverse communities across the Mediterranean where they fled after the Inquisition expelled all Jews from Spain.

Some songs are very old, with lyrics going back to the Golden Age of Spain, more than 500 years ago. Others are much more recent.



Los Badasikas will perform at the NAC on May 10.

"The music and lyrics are completely different from Ashkenazi music," says Barbara Kagedan, lead singer of the group. "The songs tell wonderful stories of kings and queens, kidnappings and lovers flinging themselves into the sea. There is also

wonderful humour, such as a song about the amorous exploits of a certain Friar Pedro."

Not all the songs are ballads or romances. There are haunting Sephardic melodies for well-known Hebrew songs and joyous Judaeo-Spanish

songs (with some wild rhythms) for various Jewish holidays.

"Sephardic music, like jazz, is a powerful artistic expression that reflects the experiences of people forcibly relocated across the globe," says Adrian Cho, artistic director of the popular Impressions in Jazz Orchestra and bassist with Los Badasikas.

The energy and joy of the music is reflected in the members of the group, who clearly love the music and playing it with each other.

"We have a lot of fun together, working to bring out the stories and create the effect we want," says Signi Damus, who plays flute and writes many of the arrangements for the group.

David Fuchs plays guitar and sings with the band. He brings a strong background in Latin music from his guitar studies in Uruguay and subsequently travels around that area.

"Sephardic music is found throughout the Spanish world. Some of the pieces we perform have been found in Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil - even Cuba," he says.

"Who knew this music would be so much fun?" adds drummer Karl Comete.

Los Badasikas performs *A Night in Sfarad: Interpretations of Sephardic Folk Music* at the National Arts Centre, Fourth Stage, one night only, on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20, available at the National Arts Centre Box Office, or through TicketMaster: 613-755-1111.



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STEREOTYPES SILENCE ABUSED WOMEN

Bold message to debunk myth about domestic violence in the Jewish community

Jewish Women International of Canada (JWIC) is asking people to think about the lives and lack of freedoms endured by abused women while the story of Passover is still fresh in their minds. 'There is a Jewish woman you know being abused' is a campaign to debunk the myth that domestic abuse does not happen in the Jewish community.

Statistics Canada reports that one in four women will experience abuse at some time in her life. "There is no reason to believe that the rate of abuse in our community is not equal to what exists in the broader one," said JWIC Executive Director, Penny Krowitz. "Despite many stereotypes, abuse affects all types of relationships, socio-economic classes, ages and spectrums of religious and cultural life. The time has come for the Jewish community to take responsibility and not sweep this problem under the carpet."

Though designed to educate the Jewish community, the campaign is also serving as a model for other ethnic groups to take this generally taboo subject into the public forum. "Minority groups often do not acknowledge woman abuse in their community for fear it may create a negative image with the public," said Krowitz. "The problem is that by not 'airing our dirty laundry' we put women at a greater risk. By

taking this campaign into such a public forum, women recognize that they are not alone and this will help give them the confidence to seek assistance.

Studies indicate that a Jewish woman may stay in an abusive relationship five to seven years longer than her non-Jewish counterpart. This is attributed to several factors including the cultural importance of maintaining a peaceful home and preserving the family unit.

"Another strong misconception is that abuse is only physical," said Krowitz. "Abuse is about an unhealthy imbalance of power in a relationship whether sexual, financial, psychological, verbal or physical. This is one of the reasons the woman featured in this campaign looks as emotionally distressed as physically hurt."

JWIC is a national organization dedicated to ending violence against women. It develops educational materials, sponsors public forums and operates culturally sensitive housing for abused women and their children. For more information on the campaign or JWIC visit www.jwicanada.com or call toll free 1-866-333-5942.

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Lag Baomer carnival to feature a team of acrobats, jugglers, magicians

Chabad of Centreponte and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre are once again teaming up to present a Lag Baomer family carnival.

Ottawa's Jewish day schools - Hillel Academy, Torah Academy and Cheder Rambam - will be participating in the event.

Although the carnival will be open to people of all ages, its focus will be on children and youth, the future of the community. It will give the community, particularly the children, the opportunity to celebrate and interact with each other in a fun and relaxed environment.

Lag Baomer commemorates a joyous event. In the weeks between Passover and Shavuot, the Talmud relates, a plague raged amongst the disciples of the great sage Rabbi Akiva "because they did not act respectfully toward each other." In

all, 24,000 students were killed.

On Lag Baomer, the dying ceased. Thus Lag Baomer carries the theme of *Ahavat Yisrael*, the imperative to love and respect one's fellow.

This year's celebration will feature approximately 10 large carnival rides, animal rides and a petting zoo. There will also be many exciting carnival booths, featuring games and face painters.

Throughout the four-hour event, there will be three unbelievable performances put on by award-winning entertainers, magicians, jugglers and clowns, concluding with a team of acrobats and trampolinists. The show promises to delight and awe children and adults.

There will be a barbecue serving hot dogs and hamburgers. Pop-



Amazed crowd watches the tumblers and acrobats in action at last year's Lag Baomer event.

corn, cotton candy and snow cones will also be available.

Children will have the opportunity to create their own artistic

masterpiece to be displayed at Jewish institutions in Ottawa.

The Lag Baomer event is scheduled for May 6, 3:00 to 7:00 pm,

rain or shine, outdoors near the SJCC. Admission is free, although there is a fee for some of the rides and the food.

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Veterans' health centre holds Passover Seder

By Paul Finn

More than 25 people attended the Perley-Rideau Veterans' Health Centre's third Seder, held on April 5. Rabbi Arnold Fine, Jewish Family Services chaplain, led the Seder, which was attended by Jewish veterans and other Jewish community residents, friends and families.

All enjoyed a meaningful Jewish experience celebrating Passover.

The service was adapted to serve the residents of the Perley-Rideau but included all the major parts of the Seder.

Unlikely as it was, at 56, I was the youngest person there, and I read the four questions as tradition dictates.

Resident Scotty Smith and his wife Isabel really enjoyed themselves.

"I'm having a great time and thanks to Rabbi Fine and the Perley-Rideau for arranging the Seder," said Scotty.

Susan Baker, daughter of Perley-Rideau resident Charles Baker, said, "Rabbi Fine is an amazing person and his visits and events bring such joy to Jewish residents [here]."

She added, "It was one of the most wonderful Seders I

have ever had the pleasure of attending."

Frido Maldonado, a registered assistant at the Perley-Rideau, came in on her day off to attend the Seder. Maldonado is not Jewish, but, while living in Guatemala, she worked for an Israeli doctor and learned some Hebrew and all about Jewish customs and festivals.

Another Christian family, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Marsh, attended the Seder.

"The Jewish people keep the Old Testament alive for us and we are very grateful. We are also pleased to be a part of the service," said Marsh.

Leah Torontow recently arrived at the Perley-Rideau and said, "I'm happy here and thanks for the Seder; it's a lovely idea."

Following the service, residents, family and friends enjoyed gefilte fish, herring, matzah, eggs, horseradish and macaroons. After four cups of grape juice, everyone was singing *Chad Gad Yah* and *Echad Mi Yodea*.

A rousing *La Shanah HaBah b'Yerushalim* concluded the service.

Paul Finn is the managing director of the Perley-Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation.



(From right to left) veteran Scotty Smith, his wife Isabel Smith, veteran Ralph Fonberg and Mr. C.B. Marsh.



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Renowned bankruptcy lawyer appointed judge

By Paul Bregman

Some Jewish mothers are proud to tell all their friends and family about "my son, the doctor." Not Sylvia Kershman. She is happy to boast and kvell about "my son Stanley, the judge."

On March 27, Justice Stanley J. Kershman was sworn in at the Ottawa Courthouse as the 304th current sitting judge for the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario.

Kershman was born and raised in Ottawa to Sylvia and the late Harry Kershman. He is a graduate of University of Ottawa Law School (1976) and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1978.

An overflowing, capacity crowd of family, friends and colleagues filled a main courtroom as well as a secondary courtroom connected through video. They were there to applaud and endorse Justice Kershman's character, hard work, honesty, intelligence, experience, compassion and humour as the perfect mix for a judge on one of the highest courts in Ontario.

The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by Chief

Justice Heather J. Smith of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and Regional Senior Justice Monique Métivier of Ottawa. After seeing the large turnout of family and friends, Justice Métivier compared the swearing-in ceremony to a wedding and wished Stanley and his family a hearty "mazel tov."

Chief Judge Smith reminded the audience the role of a judge is to administer justice and not to appease the litigants.

Based on the numerous accolades and warm words of congratulations by the many speakers during the ceremony, it was certainly evident Justice Kershman is a well-deserving candidate for this new appointment.

No doubt, his previous experience as a judge of the Small Claims Court will serve him well in his new position.

Abe Feinstein, another senior lawyer, Ottawa-born and bred, brought greetings and congratulations on behalf of the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

Feinstein called Justice



The Kershman family (from left to right): Kayla, Justice Stanley, Carol and Zev.

(Photo: Marie-Rachel Waiser)

Kershman the "media star of the local bar," referring to his many appearances in the media as an expert in bankruptcy and insolvency. Justice Kershman's popular consumer book *Put your Debt on a Diet* has been glowingly reviewed and quoted by many experts, newscasters and business print columnists.

In his remarks, Justice

Kershman said it is a humbling experience to be given the opportunity to be a judge. His advice on how to accomplish your goal is to really want to achieve it and then to put together a plan to reach it.

Proud of his Jewish upbringing and religion, Justice Kershman proudly wore his kippah throughout the ceremony, including the

strictly kosher reception held after the ceremony for the more than 250 people who came out to celebrate his appointment. He thanked his mother for her love, dedication and devotion and his late father for his help, support and guidance.

Justice Kershman is married to Carol and is the proud father of two teenage chil-

drer, Zev and Kayla.

Kayla was the only one in the family disappointed with the appointment, as she would be unable to fulfill a dream to be in practice one day with her dad.

Sensing how wonderful it would be to practise with his daughter, Justice Kershman emphatically said, once he retires from the bench, he will go back into practice with Kayla as "Kershman & Kershman."

While based in Ottawa, Justice Kershman will also be sitting throughout Eastern Ontario. His first assignment will be in family court, which, although not his main area of expertise, will be another challenge for a man who thrives on learning and growing.

Justice Kershman's appointment brings honour, pride and naches to his family, friends and the entire Jewish community.

Paul Bregman and Stanley Kershman are long-time friends and were colleagues at Perley-Robertson, Hill and McDougall prior to Justice Kershman's appointment.

Matzah Man's bakery promotes pride and respect for diversity

For 10 years, the Ottawa Torah Center's Rabbi Menachem M. Blum has been travelling around the city with his mobile matzah bakery, teaching children in the local Jewish schools about the holiday of Passover and involving participants in the process of baking hand-made *shmurru* matzah.

This year, Rabbi Blum took the workshop to the public school system and to the City of Ottawa's public libraries.

"We had two goals in mind," explains the rabbi. "The first, to reach the Jewish children not in the Jewish school system. In addition, it demonstrates to all the children the contributions of Jewish cultural values, which promotes respect for diversity, appreciation of heritage and sensitivity to differences."

The matzah bakery was presented this year at Knoxdale and Briargreen public schools, both of which have



Matzah Man Rabbi Menachem Blum demonstrates his technique.

a sizable percentage of Jewish students.

"It was so gratifying to see the Jewish kids feeling proud of their heritage and helping me out in teaching the group about Pesach," says Rabbi Blum. "It is crucial to instill a Jewish pride in the children who are our future."

About one-quarter of

students in participating classes were Jewish.

During the last two years, the Jewish community of Ottawa has been focusing on outreach and responding to the great challenge of assimilation in the young generation. Offering programming in public venues in order to reach the unaffiliated has always been the philosophy of

OTC and the matzah bakery in public libraries and schools is just another example.

Rabbi Blum becomes emotional when he talks of the thank you note he received from one of the classes at Briargreen.

"It was heartwarming to see that some of the Jewish kids signed their names in Hebrew and included their

last names in their signature," he says. "Giving children the opportunity to stand proud about who they are in a public environment can do so much to the future generation of the Ottawa Jewish community."

Barbara Muller, a teacher at Knoxdale Public School who participated in the workshop with her Grade 4 students, says, "I think this is the best way to build understanding, respect and tolerance of others... it starts with one positive experience. The kids really enjoyed making the matzah, wearing their hats all day and then eating the matzah."

The workshop was also presented at three branches of the city's public library, where an average of 30 participants joined in.

"Wonderfully interactive; great that the young participants have the chance to learn about culture and religion, and to make something with their own hands, too,"

says Megan Clare, children's librarian of the St-Laurent branch of the Ottawa Public Library.

The benefits of programs like the matzah bakery are numerous. Children come away excited about another ethnic group's holidays and traditions and motivated to learn about their own heritage as well as other groups within Ottawa.

This ultimately heightens understanding, tolerance and acceptance for various groups found in this growing multicultural mosaic. Also, because of the hands-on, interactive nature of the programs, children share the joy of learning together and, therefore, gain a stronger understanding of differences amongst their peers.

"Presenting the matzah bakery in public places creates an atmosphere of intercultural learning that enhances dialogue, understanding and a new awareness of others," explains the rabbi.



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Hillel Academy students prepare for exciting Judaic fair

By Sarah Beutel
Hillel Academy students from Kindergarten through Grade 8 are busy preparing special projects for the week-long Judaic Fair, taking place May 14-18 at the school.

In keeping with Hillel's

mission of ensuring students get an exceptional Judaic experience, the Judaic Fair will include a variety of activities focusing on *Yom Yershalayim*, modern Israeli culture and Torah study.

"The Judaic Fair, with

its varied and important projects and activities, is another great opportunity for our students to develop their understanding and appreciation for their Jewish heritage," says Sara Breiner, director of Judaic Studies at the school.

"The Judaic Fair provides an additional focus and goal toward which our students prepare and learn for many weeks. This hands-on experiential component of our program is an essential part of Hillel's curriculum."

One exciting aspect of this year's Judaic Fair is the school-wide assembly being prepared to honour

Yom Yershalayim, which falls on Wednesday, May 16.

This year, 2007, marks 40 years since the re-unification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War in 1967. It was during this decisive war Israel recaptured parts of Jerusalem that were in Jordanian hands, and brought the entire holy city under Israeli control.

Through songs, poetry and skits, students of different ages will learn about this year's important anniversary, and participate in a special assembly.

As part of the fair, the community is invited to view a sampling of Hillel students' Judaic projects, which will be on display at the SJCC from May 16 to 18.



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SJCC Summer Camp director appointed

Muchmor Public School elementary teacher Zak Firestone has been appointed SJCC Summer Camp director.

A graduate of Glebe Collegiate and McGill University, Firestone began his professional career working in public relations for four years in Toronto.

He decided his calling was working with kids and, after attending teacher's college, he returned to Ottawa.

Last summer, Firestone ran the Junior Jocks section at the summer camp.

"As an educator, I believe a happy child is a child who is best able to grow personally and academically," he says.

"Whether I'm in the classroom or working with kids during the summer time, my goal is to do my best to make all new experiences fun and positive."

For more information about Summer Camps 2007, visit www.jccottawa.com or contact Jon Braun at 613-798-9818, ext. 257 or Tiffany Diamond at ext. 258.



Zak Firestone

52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge / Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged

The Joseph and Inez Zelikovitz Long Term Care Centre, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2007 - 7:00 pm

Members of the Lodge and Community, Residents, Families, Staff and Volunteers are welcome to attend

BUSINESS AGENDA

Annual General Meeting

- Adoption of Annual General Meeting minutes - May 31, 2006
- Business Arising - from previous AGM, May 31, 2006
- Greetings from the Jewish Federation of Ottawa
- Approval of actions taken by the 2006/2007 Board
- Treasurer's Report - J. Miller

- Appointment of the Auditors 2007/2008
- Appointment of the Signatories 2007/2008
- Thank You to Outgoing Board Members
- Report of the Nominating Committee - A. Telner Wex
- Election of incoming Board 2007/2008

- Election of Officers 2007/2008
- Program - Award Winners 2006/2007
- Medical Director's Report - Dr. D. Levine
- Report of the President - I. Levitz
- Executive Director's Report - S. Schneiderman

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2006/2007

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Any additional nominations must be forwarded, in writing, to the Lodge office by May 15, 2007, to the attention of Ms. A. Telner Wex. To request a copy of the 51st AGM minutes, please call the Lodge at 613-728-3900.

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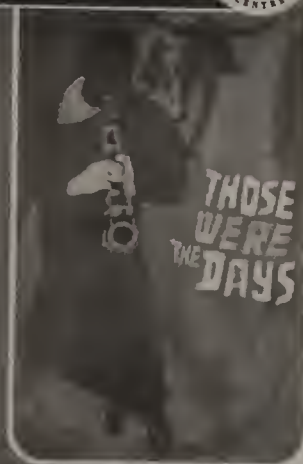
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Spicy Peanut Dipping Sauce

This recipe comes from the February 2005 issue of *Cook's Illustrated Magazine*.

I use it with chicken and beef skewers. It is also a delicious dipping sauce for fresh salad rolls.

Makes about 1 1/2 cups

- 1/2 cup peanut butter, smooth or crunchy
- 1/4 cup hot water
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Tabasco sauce
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced

Whisk the peanut butter and hot water together in a medium bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Transfer to a serving bowl.

This sauce can be made up to two days ahead. Store in fridge, wrapped tightly in plastic wrap.

Bring to room temperature, season with additional lime juice to taste, and adjust consistency with water before serving.

Let's go nuts for peanuts

Recently, my daughter Jenna had three friends visit from out of town. They flew in from Toronto on a Thursday morning and, since Jenna had to go to school, I picked them up at the airport. The only problem was I had never met them.

Jenna gave me a brief description and I prepared a sign with their names on it to display. I have secretly harboured a wish to be met at an airport by a stranger holding a sign with my name on it! I think this is as close as I will ever get to fulfilling this fantasy.

Upon arriving at the airport I parked myself at the bottom of the escalator and waited. After 25 minutes of careful watching, I had yet to see anyone even coming close to the description I had been given.

I was bewildered. How hard could it be to miss three giggling 16-year-olds? I started wandering around the baggage claim area and discovered them behind a pillar, near the Tim Horton's. I flashed the sign in their direction and they started to laugh. It turns out they had used the express exit and taken the stairs.

With five hours left until Jenna came home from school, I was a little anxious about how to entertain these girls. But, as it turns out, I had nothing to worry about. They had already planned their day. They asked if I could please take them to a mall to go shopping. But we first had to stop at the bus station to buy their return tickets home. This had to be done before shopping, as they didn't trust themselves to set aside enough



Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

money for the ride home. After the bus station, we exchanged cell phone numbers and I dropped them off at Bayshore for a few hours. A little retail therapy did the trick. They were all smiles and laden with bags when I picked them up three hours later.

They were perfect houseguests with wonderful manners.

One of the girls had a tree nut allergy. This included almonds, pecans and pistachios. But she was allowed to eat peanuts, as they are a legume and grow underground. This got me thinking about how sensitive we have become to people with peanut allergies, and rightly so, as the consequences can be deadly. However, for those without a peanut allergy, peanuts are a versatile and rich source of protein. They are loaded with anti-oxidants and are a source of resveratrol, a chemical widely studied for its anti-aging effects.

Here are two of my favourite ways to enjoy peanuts. One is sweet and the other is savoury.

Peanut Butter Cookies

Makes 36 cookies

This recipe comes from the March 1998 issue of *Cook's Illustrated Magazine*. Crisp on the edges and chewy in the centre, this is the ultimate peanut butter cookie. Do not use natural peanut butter (i.e.: health food store variety) in this recipe. You will get superior results with Kraft or Jif.

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter, salted
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 2 large eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup roasted salted peanuts, ground in food processor to resemble bread crumbs, about 14 pulses

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Sift flour, baking soda,

baking powder and salt in a medium bowl.

In bowl of electric mixer or by hand, beat butter until creamy. Add sugars; beat until fluffy, about 3 minutes with electric mixer, stopping to scrape down sides of bowl as necessary. Beat in peanut butter until fully incorporated, then eggs, one at a time, then vanilla. Gently stir dry ingredients into peanut butter mixture. Add ground peanuts; stir gently until just incorporated.

Measure 2 tablespoons of dough and with your hands roll into a large ball. Place cookie balls 2 inches apart on a parchment covered cookie sheet. Press each dough ball with the back of a dinner fork dipped in cold water to make a crisscross design.

Bake until cookies are puffed and slightly brown along the edges, but not on top, 10-12 minutes. They will not look fully baked. Cool cookies on cookie sheet until set, about 4 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Cookies will keep, refrigerated in an airtight container, up to seven days.

To restore just-baked chewiness, wrap a cookie in a sheet of paper towel and microwave for approximately 25 seconds. Cool before serving.

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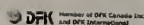
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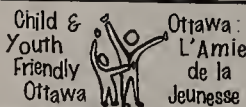
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On behalf of the young people of our community, Child and Youth Friendly Ottawa would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all who made generous donations in memory of Ron Boro. May you find comfort in knowing he has left a lasting and precious legacy here at Child and Youth Friendly Ottawa.

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Award-winning baseball book and historical novel make for interesting reading

*All*Star Season*
By T.S. Yavin
Kar-Ben Publishing 2007
160 pp. Ages 10 - 12

Just in time for the start of baseball season comes *All*Star Season*, winner of the Association of Jewish Libraries' Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award.

A contemporary novel, *All*Star Season* focuses on the personality differences between two brothers in an Orthodox Jewish family who not only love baseball, but are exceptional players.

Older brother Reuven is a hardworking introvert. A pitcher with a winning fast ball and an "A" student at the Orthodox boys' school, Reuven dreams of being named to the league's end-of-season all-star team. On occasion, he also dreams about Rachel, with her musical laugh and bouncy hair, who attends the nearby Orthodox girls' school and knows how to score baseball games.

Reuven worries about everything. He's constantly looking for an edge, whether on a school assignment or on the baseball field. Against his father's and his coach's advice, Reuven is determined to learn how to throw a curve ball. That will be his edge for getting on the all-star team.

Younger brother Avi, a great catcher and short stop and a so-so pitcher, is a carefree, friendly guy who doesn't worry about anything, least of all making mistakes in public. This is Avi's first year in league baseball; he's doing great and having a good time.

So, why is Reuven so jealous of and worried about Avi, almost to the point of being covetous? And why is Avi so anxious to keep Reuven happy, he not only helps Reuven at school at a critical time, but also gives in to Reuven's demands, even when he knows Reuven is wrong?

Sibling rivalry with a twist to be sure.

Written in short, easy-to-read chapters, *All*Star Season* features useful tips about playing ball, some restrained jeering and humour, slightly more than a passing nod to reconciling team game schedules with Shabbat observance, friends helping friends, *tikkun olam*, and, above all, an unquenchable passion for baseball. It's a light, entertaining



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read with a predictable character-building ending.

The Notorious Izzy Fink

By Don Brown
Roaring Brook Press 2006
150 pp. Ages 12 - 14

A historical novel, *The Notorious Izzy Fink* is set in the early 1890s amidst the turmoil, dangers and hullabaloo of overcrowded tenements and the poverty-ridden, pushcart-laden, mean streets of the Lower East Side of New York City.

This part of New York was gangland, with a capital "G." Ethnic gangs of boys controlled specific streets or districts with their fists or worse. Gangsters owned the police and, often, the youth gangs. Crooked politicians played every angle, setting Micks against Yids against Dagos and everyone else whenever it suited them. Petty crime and serious crime were part of everyday life and equally tolerated.

Enter 13-year-old street-wise survivor Sam Glodsky, half-Mick and half-Yid; his arch enemy, Izzy Fink, head of the Hester Street gang; Squab Wheelmen, a member of the pick-pocketing gang; and Sam's friends, Manny Goldberg, Malachy and Duncy Napoli. Add a huge dose of pigeon-loving mob boss Monk Eastman and his mutts, the danger of Europe's cholera epidemic reaching New York's shores, Chief Inspector of the New York Health Department Dr. Hermann Egges, his buddy Jacob Riis and helpful Miss Deitz.

The result: A fast-paced, action-packed adventure full of ethnic slurs, attitude, mayhem, violence and almost slapstick humour with a genuine touch of real-world sadness. Sam and Izzy temporarily join forces to recover Monk East-



From *All*Star Season*

man's prized European purchase, a racing pigeon from the hold of a quarantined cholera ship. When things go wrong, frenzied twists and turns tear through the short chapters as the good guys and bad guys appear and disappear before our very eyes.

Larger than life, covered in dirt and foul odors, *The Notorious Izzy Fink* is a gloriously rough 'n tumble mix of fact and fiction celebrating New York City's Lower East Side during its heyday as a mecca for wave after wave of immigrants, prejudice, stereotypical poverty and more. A jolly romp, but not for the delicate, faint of heart or those unwilling to suspend disbelief.

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Holocaust survivors help change Canadian attitudes

The Second World War marked a watershed in Canada's development. The Holocaust, and its aftermath, played a significant role in these changes – in the country's demography, in its attitudes and values, and in the Jewish community's sense of identity and the role it played, and is playing.

These changes took a long time to work out. Not until the 1970s and 1980s did they begin to register, and it is only now we are beginning to see, in the attitudes of Canadians, Jewish and other, the effects of some of these changes.

A good place to start is the introduction to the 1996-1997 special issue of Canadian Jewish Studies, "The Holocaust, Survivors and Canada." The article highlights the significance of Holocaust survivors in postwar Canada.

The road to integration was difficult, and survivors faced open and concealed hostility, both in the general Canadian community and in the Jewish community and its institutions.

Postwar refugee visas were doled out as a result of Orders-in-Council, until the Immigration Act was reformed in 1952. The same politicians and civil servants associated with the "None is Too Many" doctrine during the Hitler period remained in charge after the war.

Holocaust survivors fought for recognition and for remembrance of the Shoah, in the Jewish community and its institutions – particularly in the Canadian Jewish Congress. They achieved significant reforms benefiting the whole Jewish community and Canadian sensitivity to human rights, both here and abroad. They played a major role in the shift to a more activist stance, which became more marked from the 1970s on.

Frank Bialystock's book, *Delayed Impact* (2001), tells



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this story. Bialystock argues, in the 1970s and onward, a delayed emphasis on the Holocaust (and its "never again" corollary) became central to Canadian Jewish identity. The generation of Canadian Jews born around 1980 is the first age cohort for which such a stance is basic to their upbringing and attitudes.

The memories of the Holocaust are manifest in various ways in Canadian life. One of the more visible signs – actual Holocaust memorials in Jewish cemeteries and elsewhere, across Canada – is commemorated in an unusual website. From the Bukovina memorial in the Baren de Hirsch Cemetery in Montreal to the Vancouver Jewish Community's Holocaust Memorial at the Shaarei Tsodek Cemetery in New Westminster, B.C., this website, part of the Museum of Holocaust History, provides resizable photographs and descriptions of these memorials.

A virtual museum site, Open Hearts – Closed Doors tells the stories of some of the 1,000 Jewish Holocaust orphans who were admitted to Canada under one of the Order-in-Council decisions during the immediate postwar period of begrudging exceptions to the ordinary regime of controlled admission of Holocaust survivors.

Clicking on individual photographs tells the story of individual survivors. The links on the side deal with gen-

eral themes. These are people who live among us, who are our friends – individuals plucked from the fire.

Overall, about 10 per cent of the postwar immigrants were Jewish survivors (about 40,000 individuals). The next big wave of Jewish immigrants was the Sephardic immigrants from North Africa, followed by the Soviet immigrants – largely after further policy changes in the early 1970s.

In the meantime, the growing consciousness of the Holocaust played a significant, delayed, role in Canadian policy and law – in official recognition of multiculturalism, in broader concepts of human rights, in processing of refugee claimants, in hate crimes legislation and in tortuously delayed legal processes for bringing to account proven perpetrators of genocide.

Much remains to be done, both here and by exerting Canadian influence abroad. B'nai Brith Canada has provided an excellent review of the state of Holocaust Education. Irwin Cotler's speech at the International Holocaust Commemoration in Geneva (January 30, 2007) outlines priorities for future action.

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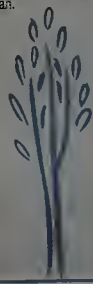
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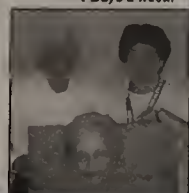
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My passive-aggressive computer says I have committed a fatal error

I have a relationship with my computer. Sure, sometimes we argue. Well, at least I argue. The computer is more passive-aggressive and just sits there without really saying anything, but you know at some point in the future, it will have its revenge.

The computer is usually my vessel. It responds to my needs and I have to admit to feeling a little thrill every time I press enter. And most of the time it is there for me. I mean when I download a file, most of the time it just zips through and appears on screen and I want to give the computer a treat but am not sure how. Nor am I sure the computer will notice.

Like I say, passive-aggressive.

There are days, though, when I feel my computer's displeasure. No matter what I do or what button I push, the message comes back loud and clear: "You have committed a fatal error."

I don't know about you, but this message makes me nervous. I keep telling the computer this and asking it to cut it out. I don't respond well to threats, but does it listen? Not at all. No, it just gets all mad and closes down completely and won't tell me what I did wrong.

Are you getting the picture about the passive-aggressive

thing now?

Then there are the days when the computer tries to tease me. It slows down its loading time and tries to make me beg for it. "Come on baby, load," I say, but the computer, like a stripper in a night club, just won't let me see it all. Slowly, the picture starts to take shape or the loading bar inches across the bottom of the screen dragging it out, keeping me in suspense. Will it load, won't it load? Wait, I can almost see the opening page and ... damn! "You have committed a fatal error and I have to close."

What really gets me, though, is when the computer seems to be acting nice and compliant, doing my every bidding. I have typed the text, I have inserted the tables and the images and then I press save. Slowly, slowly, drawing out the whole process, the computer pretends to try to save my file. I know right away, though, it is just an act. The computer has no real intention of letting me save this file. It was all pretense and then, sure enough, the message comes on screen, "Fatal error, I have to close." Then the screen goes blank and, inevitably, all that work is lost.

This is when I really let the computer have it. I rant. I rave. I threaten to rip out its hard drive. But does it react? Not at all.



Humour me, please

Rubin Friedman

It just sits there on the desk with a blank look on its face as if it had not just ruined my whole day.

And when I reboot, it comes on blissfully innocent and pretends to have forgotten completely about what it just did. I retype my file, redo all the work and press save. And just to keep me guessing, sometimes it saves my file and sometimes it doesn't.

And after I have saved my file, I am suspicious, so I try to e-mail the file I just produced to myself, but the computer is one step ahead of me and won't let me open my Outlook. What to do? Aha! I send my file to the printer, so I will at least have a hard copy. But the computer can be ornery so, sometimes, I get the message there is no network connection to the printer. Then I try to close the file and save it, and guess what I get? "Fatal error, computer must close."

So, just to be on the safe side, I am not typing this on my regular computer. We have a relationship and I'll be damned if I do anything to upset it.

Passover at the Have a Knish homes anything but dull

Welcome to our second annual Have A Knish post-Passover coverage! And what a holiday it was. At the Loblaw's kosher section you will notice everyone is a little bit chubbier. The health club at College Square's Loblaw's is running a special post-Passover work-out class called the "my ass looks like a piece of kugel" session.

As we try to get back into shape after those monstrous Passover portions, or attempt the diet routine again (the South Beach diet is out of style; the Craig Henry diet is sweeping the city!), let us forget the classic seder memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Byron and Paul were not together for their Passover seders. Our Issues + Manishevitz Wine = the scene from this season's Sopranos premiere where Tony and Bobby "Bacala" almost killed each other! We instead spent it with our respective families.

For Paul, about three weeks before opening night, his parents begin stocking up on matzah, wine and enough matzah meal to constipate an elephant.

The Pascoes always like to go overboard, including on Passover. They bought everything that is kosher for Passover under the hot Israeli desert sun. Loblaw's manager Mike West told Carol to save some for everyone else. Passover cereal (Crispy-O's), four boxes of Jumbo Egg Kichel, ice cream popsicles, chocolate bars called Passover Logs (no joke needed) to Passover gum. The old commercial jingle has been adapted: ♫ ♫ ... Juicy Fruit Is Gonna Move Ya. ... With enough matzah-meal-infested gum, nothing will be moving!

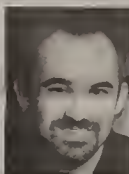
At the first night at the Pascoes', everything led to the fan favourite, the singing of *Had Gadya* in English: One Little Goat. The second night was at Agudath Israel's community seder, which included a preview of the film *The Reaping*, as during the wine-dripping for the 10 plagues, plastic frogs were thrown from head table.

For the Telners' seder, Paul possibly found a new profession as he played gefilte fish delivery boy, picking up his Bubbie's (affectionately nicknamed 'Bubbala') gefilte fish from her apartment. Her famous recipe is available on eBay. Hey, everyone has to make a dollar!

The Telner hosts, head chef extraordinaire Betty Telner and Dr. John Telner, invited Paul's brother Jason, Bubbala, Uncle Bill, cousins Richard and Laila, Aunt Anna and Uncle Sam, cousins Josh and Kyra, and, of course, Paul and his



Paul Telner



Byron Pascoe

Have a Knish

lovely girlfriend Steph.

This year, Paul's mother hired a waiter to help. Paul asked him to consider moving in (Paul is a diva).

As the aroma of Passover delights filled the house, Paul jumped into his blue shirt and orange tie/sneakers and headed out to pick up Steph. As they were driving back, Paul got a call from his dad asking where they were as they were very late!

Paul suddenly became Tom Cruise in *Mission Impossible*. He threw his tie over his shoulder, cranked up the Choong Changa and Pavarotti: Live at Centrepointe CDs, ate some matzah and sped as fast as he could. Kids, don't speed and stay in school!

Paul and the beautifully dressed Stephanie finally arrived. Paul told his family the traffic was bad, but, truthfully, he just likes it when people wait for him and loves making grand entrances.

During the Telner seder (also available on podcast), everyone read from the Haggadah. For years, Paul did the *Mah Nishtana*, which sounded more bitter than the horseradish. Paul passed the (slightly burned and damaged) legendary torch to his younger cousins Josh and Kyra, who came through with flying colours. There is hope for the next generation!

In one of the boldest moments of the night, Paul attempted to read some Hebrew, which only made his parents realize the thousands of dollars spent on Hebrew school education had gone completely down the toilet. If you heard a mysterious "OY VEY" shriek followed by a bang, coming from outside your window that evening, it would have been Dodo Bronstein falling off her chair.

Steph was a team player and went right along with the seder, although she definitely looked very confused, especially when everyone dipped their finger into the wine to rep-

resent the 10 plagues. Anyone not Jewish would be confused why we remove alcohol from our glass! Are we nuts?

Both families' meals were scrumptious. Kugel highlights included apricot at the Pascoes' and, Paul's favourite, apple matzah farfel kugel and his Auntie Anna's potato kugel.

Desserts at the Telners' included Betty's savoury apple blueberry pie and Laila's creative and tasty strawberry and cream dessert. The best dish served at the Telners' brought on the most awkward and guilty-pleasure moment.

Paul's girlfriend enjoyed Betty's brisket and leaned over to Paul saying, "Wow, this is sooo good. I'm really into this! What is it?"

Paul, being the complete idiot he is, loudly said so everyone could hear: "What's what?"

Steph replied, "What's this meat called?"

Paul paused and announced to everyone, "That's called the bris."

Suddenly, family members put their hands over their eyes and tried to hold back. They watched Paul take advantage of Steph on her very first seder and used her lack of Jewish food knowledge for his own comedic amusement.

Steph then adorably said, "Oh, the bris is very good!"

Family members started telling Paul to stop and asked him why he would do that! As they were trying to get him to stop, the laughter got increasingly louder.

Paul asked Steph, "Would you like some horseradish with your bris? You might want to use a sharper knife for that bris, it's tough to cut!"

Steph, who looked very confused, realized there was a cultural joke occurring she didn't understand. Paul's family finally explained the meaning of a bris to Steph. She was eating brisket. Steph gave Paul the look Cheryl gives Larry on *Curb Your Enthusiasm* when he does something wrong, but she was a great sport about it and laughed.

Deal or No Deal was played for how much money would be won for finding the afikomen. Then, out of nowhere, Paul noticed his mom limping. All the preparation had taken its toll, causing a Passover injury. Betty could have gone to the hospital, Special Passover Ward, but every doctor would have been at a seder! Instead, an ice pack and a good chair did the trick.

Mazal Tov to everyone who prepared and participated in our seders. Now we're off for some delicious bris leftovers!

Have a bris!

Musicians and memoirs

A novel from a maestro with words, and a non-fiction offering that reads like fiction.

The Song of Names
By Norman Lebrecht
Anchor Books/Random House
Softcover, 2004

Beautiful writing is like a perfectly wrought orchestral piece: Each word is a joy to read, just as each note is, most literally, music to one's ears.

Lebrecht's *The Song of Names* is a melodious story, artistically crafted with counterpoint, accelerando and adagio thrown into the musical mix.

The novel is about gifted violinist, Dovid Rapoport – Polish child prodigy – and English boy Martin Simmonds – son of a music publisher and concert promoter – and their intertwined lives.

It's a story about musical brilliance, Jewish life in pre-war and wartime London, love and friendship and jealousy and retribution.

And it's an indictment of musicians. "Art is their excuse for everything, to us and to whatever they use for a conscience," says Martin's father at one point. "Never let yourself be overwhelmed by beauty, or some artist will use it to destroy you."

Musicians are devotees, their talent being their only true love interest.

At least, that seems to be the author's opinion, and he's entitled to it.

Lebrecht is a musical columnist and writer of several non-fiction books, the latter of which have been translated into 14 languages and met with acclaim. His day job is as the assistant editor and columnist for the *Evening Standard*, after spending a decade as music columnist for the *Daily Telegraph*. He also has his own BBC radio show, *lebrecht.live*, and is a frequent TV broadcaster. *The Song of Names* is his first novel, written when he was 54.

It's no mystery why this book was an award winner. The unusual story aside, Lebrecht is a linguistic virtuoso.

"Perhaps I was one of a caravanserai of closing-time pick-ups" he writes, talking about a one-night stand.

Or, regarding a solo violin: "no other music so readily separates the meretricious artist from the meretricious."

In describing a policeman's reaction: "Morgan tapped loudly on a bulletproof cigarette case."

But Lebrecht's prose also sings – "I once knew a violinist



Book Beat

Kinneret Globberman

who made time stand still in the space between two notes" – and by adding to his verbal mix astute observations on human nature and motivation, he has orchestrated a linguistic combination of fine writing.

This mesmerizing recitative, which offers interesting details about aspects of the music world, carries the reader along in its crescendos and decrescendos. I'd give it a standing ovation.

The Book of Trouble: A Romance
By Ann Marlowe
Harcourt/Raincoast Books
Hardcover/2006

It's hard enough having a love affair when there's a 10-year age gap. Harder still when there's a cultural divide. And when that cultural divide includes an Afghan Muslim and a Jewish American, we're talking trouble – an entire book of it.

How can a female Westerner in her mid-40s have a romantic relationship with a 30-something, Princeton-educated, Eastern émigré who wants to marry a 17-year-old virgin? With great difficulty, according to this very personal account. This is author Ann Marlowe's second memoir. Her first was about her days as a recreational, almost-addicted heroin user.

Like Lebrecht, Marlowe is a cultural critic and an intelligent writer, her observations and pronouncements revealing an interesting mind. She takes her so-called romance with an Afghan, dissects it and puts it into a cultural context, musing about love ("I'm ashamed of how lightly I used to take love and angry that it's the norm in my culture"), romance (Western courtship is a "ritual in which a man feigns submission in order, ultimately, to dominate"), Afghan culture (in which Marlowe felt "more at home than I had in Israel, and more loved").

But the story is more sexual affair than love relationship, and not very romantic. Frankly, Amir is not the nicest guy – he can be verbally cruel, emotionally insensitive, he drinks too much – and Marlowe's angst over him is somewhat pathetic.

One gets the impression Amir is a surrogate for Afghanistan and the ardour Marlowe feels for that country. Her criticisms of Western men seem more a reflection of her own sexual hunger and inability to form lasting, deep relationships. But she's a good writer, which, together with her provocative ideas, keeps you reading on.

Music Beat Note: In my March 5 column, "Klez of a Different Kind," I reviewed the CD, *Blue Klezmer Moon*, 2006. If you're having trouble ordering copies, this website will take you directly to the source: www.blueklezmermoon.com.

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- MORE DRIVERS** are required to help seniors get to their medical appointments. If you can even offer a couple of hours a month, please call.
- GUTTEN TOG PROGRAM** ... Connect with a Jewish senior living in a long-term care facility. Visit once a week, once a month!
- Interested in going out for a coffee/tea and/or playing **Gin Rummy** with a Yiddish- or French-speaking gentleman recently back in Canada? Gregarious, outgoing and lives in Craig Henry. Great opportunity to practice another language.
- Could you accompany/drive a **Walkie** area senior who loves movies, bingo and other outings? Afternoons/evenings would work for her.
- The **Shalom Bayit Program** (to prevent violence against Jewish women) is currently seeking volunteers to sit on its committee and a special events Sedcr sub-committee. Interested? Please contact Sarah Caspi at 613-722-2225 ext. 246.
- Could you drive and accompany an **Alta Vista** male to a Tuesday 5-hour program at the SJCC?
- Alta Vista** area senior female would be thrilled with a reliable person who could take her out of her four walks once a week.
- Russian-speaking** seniors need your help to improve their English skills. No teaching background required. A couple of hours per week in the Lincoln Fields and Kanata areas.
- Do you have a special talent? Come share it at our next celebration, senior programs or a monthly luncheon.

Angela Berkeley is waiting to hear from you at 722-2225, ext. 304.

THE BESS AND MOE GREENBERG FAMILY HILLEL LODGE

Call today to lend a hand at one of our programs ...

- A great way to get involved! ... and it's where we need the most help! Join in one of our recreation programs or special events ... assisting at activities with the residents; e.g., playing bingo, serving tea, portering and generally lending a helping hand. Choose your event, can be once in a while, or on a regular basis. It's always entertaining! Approx. 2 hours, weekday afternoons or Friday mornings ... Please add your name to the call list today.
- Reception & administrative help** – Spend a few hours weekdays assisting with clerical and reception duties.
- Entertainers** – Got a talent? Performers are welcome to apply and be enjoyed by all!
- Attention high school & university students** ... Use your free time well this summer! A few hours at the Lodge benefits everybody! Gain volunteer hours for community service requirement. Help out with recreation programs and special holiday events

If hands on is more your style ... ready set go ... Help with setting the dining room tables. One hour, either mornings at 10:45 am or afternoons 3:45 pm.

LOOKING FOR KALUKI PLAYERS ... It's a card game! The Wednesday afternoon Kaluki card game requires two replacement players. All it takes is a few hours a week to play Kaluki with residents. Lessons are available if needed. Please call for further details

Please call for a registration and orientation appointment.

Please call Cheryl Cogan, Co-ordinator of Volunteers, 728-3900 ext. 191, or email cheryl@c@hillel-lt.com

Students welcome (please note: children under the age of 14 require adult accompaniment)

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WHAT'S GOING ON

April 30 to May 13, 2007

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THURSDAY, MAY 3
Jewish Family Services Free Lunch and Learn Employment Workshops, Networking for Results - Connecting and Developing Relationships, presenter: Jeff Polowin, Jewish Family Services, 2255 Carling, #301, noon.

Soloway JCC Adult Department presents a lecture with Professor Jacob Kovalio on the growing prominence of China, India, Japan and Korea, 7:00 pm.
The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents a

Lecture with Dr. Henry Habib, 7:30 pm.
Rabbi & Mrs. Hayyim Yaakov & Yehuda Bulka Memorial Satellite Torah Study Program, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia, lower social hall, 9:00 pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 6
Hillel Academy Alumni Reunion, Hillel Academy Gymnasium, noon.

Chabad of Centrepoinette and SJCC 2nd Annual "Lag Baomer Festival of Unity," with the participation of Cheder Rambam School, Hillel Academy and Torah Academy, 3:00 pm.

"Awe-Inspiring Music from the Synagogue" with mezzo-soprano Eleanor Glantz, director/pianist Peter Purdy, and the Temple Israel 2006 Liturgical Choir, St. Matthias Anglican Church, 555 Parkdale, 3:00 pm.

Lag B'Omer Bontire, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey, 5:00 pm.

Soloway JCC Shira Ottawa Choir presents "A Musical Mosaic," 7:30 pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 8
Jewish Youth Library "Fashionable Fruit," an evening of decorative and delicious creations featuring Tammy Pofatsek, 6:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9
The Ottawa College of Jewish Studies and the SJCC present the Great Torah Commentators and Teachers Series with Dr. Rebecca Margolis, "Ze'evah U-Re'evah: the 'Women's Torah,'" 7:00 pm. Info: 613-261-2498.

Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, screening of "I Have Never Forgotten You, The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal," National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington, 7:30 pm. Tickets: Toll free 1-866-864-9735 or www.swc.ca.

THURSDAY, MAY 10
The Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program presents a Lecture with Dr. Henry Habib, 7:30 pm.

Temple Israel, "Writing Jewish: an Evening with Jewish Writers," authors Gabriella Goliger, Barbara Fradkin and Seymour Mayne speak about how their Jewishness influences their writing and read from their works, 1301 Prince of Wales, 7:30 pm.

Looking at the Holocaust through Family History: A German-Jewish Encounter, May 10 (lecture), 7:30 pm; May 11 (dialogue), 9:30 am. Saint-Paul University, 223 Main. Details: 613-236-1393, ext. 2516.

Los Badassikas, A night in S'farad: Interpretations of Sephardic Folk Music, National Arts Centre 4th Stage, 7:30 pm.

Rabbi & Mrs. Hayyim Yaakov & Yehuda Bulka Memorial Satellite Torah Study Program, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, 2310

Virginia, lower social hall, 9:00 pm.

FRIDAY, MAY 11
Congregation Beth Shalom West, Shabbat Behar/Behukotai, shabbaton in celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut and Yom Yerushalayim. Continues May 12 and 13. Info: 613-723-1800.

SUNDAY, MAY 13
Na'amat Ottawa third annual

Mother's Day Tea, Info: 613-226-1989.

Kollet of Ottawa Annual Forum and Reception, with Winston S. Churchill, author, journalist, parliamentarian, grandson to UK Prime Minister Winston L.S. Churchill, "Democracy and Freedom Under Threat," Parliament Hill, Centre Block, 6:30 pm. Advance tickets only: 7613-729-4368.



CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

May 4 * 7:55 pm
May 11 * 8:03 pm

COMING SOON

MONDAY, MAY 14
Vered Jewish Canadian Studies Program, University of Ottawa, lecture by historian Gerald Tulchinsky, "The Jewish Radical Left in Canada: a Portrait of an Activist," 7:00 pm. Information: www.canada.uottawa.ca/en/vered.htm.

THURSDAY, MAY 17
AJA 50+ "Chuckles & Chocolate," with three Jewish comedy stars. Info and tickets: 613-224-8286.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23
Chabad of Centrepoinette, annual Shavuot ice cream party and dairy buffet, 261 Centrepoinette Drive, 5:30 pm.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schaler, calendar coordinator at 798-9818 ext. 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided and all events must be open to the Jewish public. You may fax to 798-9839 or email to bschaler@jccottawa.com.



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(brother of Brenda Wolf and the late George Wolf)

Irving Greenberg

Stanley Millstone

Lottie Suk (mother of Hana Cammy)

May their memory be a blessing always.

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